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PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE OPENS 1940-41 SEASON

High Holy Days First Major Event

The 1940-41 season of Park Avenue Synagogue activities will open with Sunday School registrations on two successive Sunday mornings, September 22 and 29, with the High Holy Day Services following immediately on the calendar.

The year has been filled with a full schedule of educational and entertaining events to occupy members, seatholders and friends of the Synagogue with a wide range of activities from which to choose. The leaders of the Sisterhood, the Senior League (formerly the Young Folks League), the Coterie Clubs, the Bar Mitzvah Club, the Committee on Adult Education, the Committee on the Book Review Series, the Committee in charge of Friday Evening Services, have all planned programs for the new season and their announcements will appear soon in these pages.

High Holy Day services start on Wednesday at 6 P.M., October 2, and continue through the following Saturday with Yom Kippur falling on the following Friday evening. A new arrangement affords an opportunity for membership to more persons interested in obtaining its many privileges.

CALENDAR OF HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah

First Evening, Wednesday, Oct. 2nd—6:00 P.M.
First Morning, Thursday, Oct. 3rd—8:30 A.M.
Sermon—10:30 A.M.
Minchah Service—5:00 P.M.
Second Evening, Thursday, Oct. 3rd—6:00 P.M.
Second Morning, Friday, Oct. 4th—8:30 A.M.
Sermon—10:30 A.M.
Minchah Service—5:00 P.M.

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday Evening, Oct. 4th—6:00 P.M.
Saturday Morning, Oct. 5th—9:30 A.M.
Sermon—11:00 A.M.

Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur Eve

Kol Nidrei, Friday, Oct. 11th—6:00 P.M.

Yom Kippur Day

Shaharith Service, Saturday, Oct. 12th—8:30 A.M.
Sermon—11:00 A.M.
Memorial Service—3:00 P.M.
Neilah Service—4:45 P.M.

Services for Children

Conducted by the Junior Congregation

Both Mornings of Rosh Hashanah
10:30 A.M. to 12:00
Yom Kippur Day—10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
In the Vestry Rooms

Rosh Hashanah Sermons

The fact that Rosh Hashanah falls this year in the midst of what is perhaps the largest and most tragic crisis in the affairs of modern man means that worshippers who come to the Synagogue will look for moral help and practical guidance in the sermons which will be addressed to them. Rabbi Steinberg's messages on both days will be directed to this profound inner need which all of us experience.

On the first morning of Rosh Hashanah he will speak on "The Politics of Eternity," analyzing the current world scene from a long range point of view, to show that the old faiths by which we live need not and must not be deserted. On the second morning of the New Year his sermon entitled "The Politics of Time" will attempt to offer specific suggestions as to frame of mind with which we must approach the immediate issues associated with the crisis. Through his description of the long range view and the short, our Rabbi hopes that guidance and a new courage will come to all within our midst.

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The Music To Be Heard

in our Synagogue at the forthcoming High Holy Days represents contributions to Synagogue music by 27 composers from 9 different lands, composed during the period from the early 17th century to the present. It is interesting to note that despite the geographic and chronological differences of these composers, the motif which dominates all of the music is based on traditional High Holy Day modes. This is as it should be — for every religious service has a distinct musical mode which expresses the mood of the particular occasion. The liturgy of the High Holy Days is so meaningful, the occasion so awe-inspiring that it elicits the best efforts and artistic interpretation of Synagogue musicians. Music in the Synagogue ought serve a two-fold purpose. It should in the first place interpret the prayers to make them meaningful and inspire the worshipper's innermost religious and aesthetic emotions. Secondly it ought give the congregant an opportunity to participate actively in the ritual. It is hoped that our music will serve this two-fold purpose. The congregation is therefore urged not only to listen to the chanting of the Cantor and the choir's renditions, but to join in the singing of all responses and those prayers especially suited for congregational singing.

CANTOR DAVID PUTTERMAN.

"A Full Jewish Education . . .

for every child in our congregation" is the slogan with which the School of the Park Avenue Synagogue is proceeding in opening its year's program. It hopes that by the time sessions are open, there will be no children of school age within our congregation who are not attending classes and that those children who have been attending only Sunday morning classes will be registered for the mid-week sessions as well.

The Jewish child needs Jewish training for his self-understanding, for his morale, for his sense of worth, for his enrichment as a human being with Jewish, religious and ethical values, and for his idealism and resourcefulness as an American citizen.

Attendance at Sunday School is an indispensability, but it is of and by itself not enough. Every parent should plan first to guarantee that minimum but also to see to it that the child's *exposure* to Jewish education is made broader by attendance at the mid-week school. Relevant information concerning the School will be found elsewhere in this issue. The Scroll, however, adds it voice to that of the School Board and our rabbis in urging full Jewish education for every child in our congregation.

Thank You, Dr. Steinthal

The Scroll is saying au revoir to Dr. Barnard Steinthal, who, because of important personal activities has found it necessary to withdraw from active participation in the Scroll's publication. All persons connected with this paper join in expressing their gratitude to the good Doctor for his untiring and successful efforts of last season.

Dr. Steinthal is still active as an important member of Dr. Louis Shapiro's committee on Adult Education, which is going to be heard from soon in an announcement of importance to all members and their friends.

Our own little Feigele, the super-snooper synagossiper, will be back soon with news on people and events they make happen.

Congregation Greets Newly Arrived Members

Since the last issue of the Scroll our congregational family has been enlarged by the affiliation of many new members. The Scroll extends its enthusiastic greetings to our newly acquired fellow congregants who include:

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Klausner
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Spiegel
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howard Katz
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ferester
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winkelman
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Phillips
Mr. and Mrs. D. Leonard Cohen
Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Friedman
Mr. Peter Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Cohen
Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Solarz
Mr. Frank Judd
Mr. Frederick Scholem
Dr. and Mrs. William Lustig
Dr. and Mrs. Ira Fink
Mr. George Jablow
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Collier
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gutman
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander M. Arnstein
Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Brownstone
Mr. Lucien Brownstone
Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jarecky
Mr. and Mrs. Montague N. Herbert
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Luchs
Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Tuchman

To one and all a cordial welcome into our fellowship and a hope that they will find participation in the full life of our Synagogue a joy.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

To obviate the necessity of reading long lists of names during the Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement, the Park Avenue Synagogue has adopted the device of printing a memorial booklet in which the names of the departed kinsfolk of worshippers are recorded. This Book of Remembrance is deposited in the Ark with solemn ceremonial as a tribute of devotion.

If you wish the names of your departed ones to be included, you must submit these names to the office no later than Monday, October 7th.

The Secretary of the congregation respectfully reminds those who wish to avail themselves of the Book of Remembrance that it is customary for persons submitting names to make some donation to the General Fund of the congregation for the purpose of defraying the cost of the publication of the booklet.

Suggestions to Worshippers

The success of worship in reaching the minds and hearts of those who participate in it is not determined altogether by those who occupy the pulpit. The men, women and children in the pew decide in no slight measure how meaningful worship shall be to them. The Rabbis and Cantor of our congregation invite the cooperation of everyone who enters the Synagogue on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Specifically they make the following suggestions:

First, make every effort to be in the Synagogue as early as possible. It is always disturbing to those already in attendance to be interrupted in their prayers by the tardiness of latecomers.

Second, our congregation this year will be the largest in the history of our Synagogue. We will be compelled to admit people to our auditorium only on the presentation of tickets. *Please bring your ticket with you* and make certain that you have a ticket for every one who desires entrance.

Third, the Tallis the traditional garb of male worshippers. The wearing of is sanctioned by centuries of Jewish practice and makes a contribution toward the creation of a prayerful mood.

Fourth, if they so desire it, *the men of the congregation may wear skull caps.* We have made no provision for the disposal of hats during worship. Such a provision may be ready by next year through the installation of racks under the seats.

Fifth, we urge that at every service you remain in your pew until the benediction is pronounced. Those of our worshippers who have been with us before know that our service is never inordinately protracted. The benediction on Rosh Hashanah will be bestowed by one o'clock; on Yom Kippur day as soon after sunset as Jewish tradition permits.

Sixth, participate actively in the services. Join in the spoken responses and the singing of musical refrains.

Important Notice

Members of the congregation who have moved are asked to communicate their new addresses to Mr. Emanuel Rosenthal, secretary, as soon as possible.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

Registration in the various departments of the Religious School will be held on Sunday morning, September 22 and 29 between 10 and 12 o'clock in the vestry rooms of the synagogue. The Religious School, fulfilling the Jewish educational needs of boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 17, embraces the following departments:

Sunday School—Classes are conducted in Jewish History, Jewish Customs and Ceremonies, the Bible, Modern Jewish Literature, the Prayerbook, Current Events, Palestine and Jewish music. In addition to these formal studies, pupils may select one of the special-interest clubs, such as Dramatics, Arts and Crafts, Dancing, Journalism, Debating and Current Events. Both the classroom subjects and the clubs are adapted to the needs and the interests of the various age-groups in the school.

Assemblies are held monthly, usually in conjunction with the celebration of Jewish festivals throughout the year. Occasional trips to places of interest and an annual Lag B'Omer Outing and Field Day are sponsored by the school.

A new feature of the Sunday School is the primary group for children between the ages of 5 and 7. These new classes will be housed in light and airy quarters with up-to-date facilities. Professionally trained Kindergartners will be in charge.

Classes in the Sunday School are held from 9:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. The first session will be on October 6.

Hebrew School — Instruction in the Hebrew School includes the elements of the Hebrew language, reading, writing and conversation, the prayer-book in the original, excerpts from the Bible and Modern Hebrew Literature and Jewish music. Classes are small, permitting a great deal of individual instruction. Children are accepted at the age of 8. Classes are held in one-hour sessions two afternoons a week, thus affording children sufficient time for music lessons and outdoor recreation. A special section of the Hebrew School is devoted to preparation for Bar Mitzvah.

New Year's Greetings

The Rabbis, Cantor and Officers of the Park Avenue Synagogue extend to their fellow-congregants and friends the greetings of the New Year. Not in the memory of living man has Rosh Hashanah fallen in the midst of so tragic and vast a human crisis. These greetings then carry more than good wishes for a year of personal health, happiness and self-fulfillment to those to whom they are addressed. They breathe the prayer that all of us may preserve our faith, hope and courage and may be moved to contribute our share to the achievement of the better society within America and a return of peace to Israel and to suffering mankind.

May this coming year bring the return of peace to all men, light to those in darkness, and healing to the wounded in body and heart.

Junior Congregation — Beginning with the High Holydays and continuing throughout the school year, special services are held for children of the Religious School. These services are conducted entirely by the children themselves. Junior rabbis, cantors and a choir are trained for this purpose. Attractive pins and awards are presented to children who have attended regularly.

The Sunday School, Hebrew School and Junior Congregation are under the personal supervision of the principal, Mr. Samuel Grand. For further information regarding the Jewish education of your children, please communicate with him at the Synagogue between 2:30 and 5:30 P.M.